



L1.51: King David

2 Samuel 5-8

After many years of running from his enemy, David learned that King Saul and three of his sons, including David's beloved friend Jonathan, had died in a battle. Instead of rejoicing at the death of his enemy, David was very sad and mourned for Saul and for Jonathan. Though David was sad, God's promise finally came true and David became King of Israel. When David first became king, he ruled from a city called Hebron. David had his eye on another city where he wanted to set up his capital and build his palace. The name of it was Jerusalem which means "City of Peace". Jerusalem sat on a small mountain called Zion where David would build his city and where the King of Kings will one day return and build His own city of peace.

Discuss:

- How old was David when he began to reign as king of Israel? How many years did he rule as king?
- David made a tabernacle for the ark of God. What was the ark and why do you think it was so important to David?
- How do you think David felt when he was finally able to bring the ark into the tabernacle in Jerusalem? What did he do? What are some ways that we can worship and praise God?
- David wrote a song about the ark being brought to the tabernacle (Psalm 105). Can you find the hymn we sing at church that is based on this psalm?
- God promised David that his throne would be established forever. What does this mean? What will David be doing in the kingdom?



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Memory Challenge:

2 Samuel 7:26

So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, 'The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You.